

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 794  
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dan W. Crowe, Track and Cross Country Coach at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett High School upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding high school coaches who have been selected by their peers for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional coaches, teachers and molders of character during their careers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding coach is Dan W. Crowe, who for thirteen years from 1967 through 1979 was the Track and Cross Country Coach for Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett High School, where his teams won state championships in 1971, 1972 and 1979, a TSSAA second place finish in 1969-70, an undefeated run in the Big 10 Conference, with 13 championship titles and 13 District One Championships; and

WHEREAS, born in the Horseshoe Community of Carter County, Dan Crowe started his education in the one-room Horseshoe School, until it was consolidated with Siam Elementary School when construction began on TVA's Watauga Dam; after finishing the seventh and eighth grades there, he went on to Elizabethton High School where he graduated in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Korean War erupted in 1950, and Mr. Crowe soon found himself in Company F, 278th Infantry; he saw combat with the 1st Cavalry and the 45th Division on the Korean peninsula; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Dan Crowe enrolled at East Tennessee State University on the GI Bill and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1956; he earned a Master's degree in 1960 and engaged in further graduate work at Stetson University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe's first position as a teacher was at the two-room Fairview School in Carter County from 1955-56, followed by a four-year stint at Valley Forge School from 1956-60, Hampton High School from 1960-63, and East Forsyth School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina from 1963-66; his next and final stop was at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett High School, where he taught until 1989, achieving Career Ladder Level III in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dan Crowe excelled as a teacher, having been awarded first place in the State and Regional Excellence of Teaching Economics by the Tennessee Council for Economic Education in 1982; he was named East Tennessee Teacher of the Year in 1985 and received the Excellence in Teaching Award by NBC-Carnegie Foundation in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe's gravitation to coaching was a natural phenomenon, as he lettered in track and field at Elizabethton High School in 1949-50 and also at East Tennessee State University in 1954-55; he organized and coached the first track team at Hampton High School, helped organize countywide track and field meets for Carter County, and coached at East Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem, all of which led up to his remarkable coaching tenure at Dobyns-Bennett; and

WHEREAS, Dan Crowe's Dobyns-Bennett teams' honors also included Championships at the Duke-Durham Relays in 1969 and 1971, Championships at the Southern Classics in 1969 and 1971, six East Tennessee Regional Championships, and, for his Cross Country teams, six conference titles, six East Tennessee Regional titles and three TSSAA runner-up finishes; and

WHEREAS, a man of many interests, Coach Crowe has nurtured a love of writing that began as a student at Elizabethton High School, where he credits the guidance and encouragement shown him by Mrs. Fetzer and Mrs. Lacy; he has been published in books and articles including The Horseshoe People, Old Butler and Watauga Academy, Hoover Day in Dixie, Old Town and the Covered Bridge, History of Siam Baptist Church, Poison Ivy Entangles the Sweet Apple Tree and Whiz Wheels and a Cat Called Quick, the last two of which were collections of poetry; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member, teacher and deacon at Siam Baptist Church, Dan Crowe espouses family values of the highest order, and has enjoyed the love and support of his

wife, Wilma Lewis Crowe, his daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Dr. Gary Reedy, and his granddaughter, Bailey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding teacher, coach and molder of character, lauding his service to the youth of our state and thanking him for his years of exemplary instruction and guidance to those under his care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Coach Dan W. Crowe upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, thank him for his service to the State of Tennessee and offer him our best wishes for every happiness and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.